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Disease Free Milch Livestock
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is working on some action plan to make milch livestock disease free to increase milk production in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has consulted the States in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with their response thereto; and

(d) the time by which the said action plan is likely to be implemented in the entire country?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) to (d): Prevalence of animal diseases such as Foot & Mouth Disease, Brucellosis, Haemorrhagic septicaemia, Anthrax etc. result in both morbidity and mortality in animals and consequent production losses. In order to prevent, control and contain animal diseases, the Department is supplementing the efforts of the State/Union Territory Governments by way of providing assistance through Livestock Health and Disease Control (LH&DC) Scheme. Under Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases (ASCAD), one of the components of 'Livestock Health & Disease Control (LH & DC) Scheme, funds are provided to States/ UTs for immunization against economically important diseases of livestock. To prevent economic losses due to FMD, an intensive Foot and Mouth Disease Control Programme (FMD-CP) is also being implemented in States/ UTs of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Bihar, Rajasthan, Daman & Diu, Andaman and Nicobar, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Lakshadweep and Puducherry. Besides, the vaccination is also carried out against Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) and Brucellosis under PPR and Brucellosis Control Programme.

Moreover, considering the importance of Foot & Mouth Disease Free Zones in the country, Department has consulted the State Governments for establishment of FMD Free Zones where vaccination is practiced as per World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE). Based on the information provided by the States, the dossier for recognition of three FMD Free Zones with vaccination involving States of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra and Punjab has been submitted to the OIE. The remaining States under FMD-CP will be eligible as per OIE guidelines for recognition of FMD Free Zones where vaccination is practiced.

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